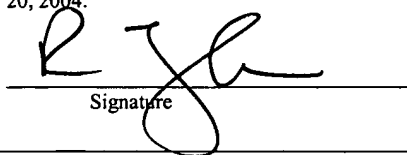


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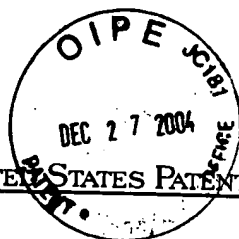
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- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
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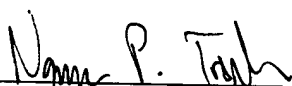
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